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IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN BONN'S GENERAL ANZEIGER,  
MAY 17, COUNT LAMBSDORFF BERATES THE U.S. CONGRESS,  
RESPONDS TO THE BRITISH, COMMENTS ON EUROPEAN MONETARY  
POLICY INITIATIVES, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE GERMAN  
PRESIDENCY OF THE EC; ALL IN ONE FELL SWOOP. INFORMAL  
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

LAMBSDORFF EXPECTS MORE MOVEMENT IN EC POLICY

QUESTION: AT THE COPENHAGEN EC SUMMIT PLANS FOR A  
NEW MONETARY UNION AND ELEVATION OF THE EUROPEAN  
UNIT OF ACCOUNT WERE DISCUSSED. BUT NOT MUCH  
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SEEMS TO HAVE COME ABOUT FROM THE GOOD INTENTIONS  
AT THAT TIME. OR DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION,  
MR. MINISTER, SINCE YOU HAVE A BETTER INSIGHT?

ANSWER: NO, I BELIEVE THAT YOUR DESCRIPTION OF THE  
PRESENT STATUS IS, INDEED, CORRECT. THIS DOES NOT  
MEAN THAT THE GOOD INTENTIONS AND THE GOOD PLANS

HAVE BEEN FILED AWAY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS SUBJECT WILL NOT NECESSARILY APPEAR ON THE AGENDA OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT IT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE COMMISSION AND BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER STATES. IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE MONETARY SNAKE CAN, NOW AS BEFORE, PLAY A ROLE. FOR THE TIME BEING, THESE THINGS DO NOT SEEM RIPE FOR DECISIONS TO ALL CONCERNED. THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER AND WHEN THE FRENCH WILL BE WILLING TO JOIN THE SNAKE IS THE ONLY REAL TOPIC AT THE PRESENT TIME. AS FAR AS GREAT BRITAIN IS CONCERNED, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION, THAT THERE EXISTS NO WILLINGNESS THERE.

QUESTION: WHAT GOALS DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STRIVE FOR IN THESE DISCUSSIONS?

ANSWER: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS GREAT INTEREST IN DOING ANYTHING THAT STRENGTHENS THE RELATIONS WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ANYTHING THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE STABILIZATION OF EXCHANGE RATES BETWEEN THE CURRENCIES OF THE COMMUNITY, IN THE CIRCLE OF SNAKE PARTICIPANTS BEYOND THE EC, BUT ALSO BETWEEN THE D-MARK AND THE AMERICAN DOLLAR.

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QUESTION: DOES THAT MEAN STRENGTHENING THE DOLLAR?

ANSWER: CERTAINLY, ALSO STRENGTHENING THE DOLLAR. THE LATENT DEPRECIATION OF THE DOLLAR IS OF CONCERN TO US, AND IT MAKES DIFFICULT EXPORT TRANSACTIONS, THE EXPORT SITUATION OF THE GERMAN ECONOMY. ALTOGETHER IT IS A MOMENT OF STATIONARY UNREST IN WORLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH WE CONSIDER POISON, WITH RESPECT TO THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. /ORTUNATELY, ONE CAN SEE THAT THE DOLAR HAS STABILIZED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THIS FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AN EFFECTIVE WAT AND TO ASSURE ITS CONTINUATION, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITT -- AND IN IT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC -- WILL ENDEAVOR TO CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE TO THE STABILIZATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO THE FURTHER POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOLLAR.

QUESTION: IN JULY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WILL TAKE OYER PRESIDENCY IN THE EC FOR A PERIOD OF SIX

MONTHS. WHAT WILL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKE

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TO BRING ABOUT MORE MOVEMENT IN EUROPEAN POLICY?

ANSWER: I AM CERTAIN THAT THERE WILL BE MORE MOVEMENT IF THE PRESIDENCY IS HANDLED THE RIGHT WAY. HOWEVER, THE GOALS SHOULD NOT BE TOO FAR-REACHING, TOO UNREALISTIC. WE MUST STICK TO REALITIES. WE HAVE BEEN THE MAJOR ADVOCATE IN THE QUESTION OF THE EXPANSION OF THE EC. THIS IS A FIELD IN WHICH WE CAN DEVELOP INITIATIVES IN THE ROLE OF THE PRESIDENCY. WE CAN FURTHER ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS POLITICALLY INDISPENSABLE AND NECESSARY. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, THIS MEANS, HOWEVER, A TREMENDOUS BURDEN. IT MEANS MONEY IN CASH. WE ARE PREPARED TO BEAR OUR SHARE IN THIS BURDEN. ALSO, WE CAN UNDERTAKE MORE EFFORTS TO CREATE THE PREREQUISITES FOR A MONETARY

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UNION. THE MOST IMPORTANT PREREQUISITE IS:  
COORDINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CYCLICAL AND  
ECONOMIC POLICIES, BUT NOT ONLY ON CERTAIN POINTS  
OR ONLY ONCE, BUT OVER THE LONG RANGE. AS LONG  
AS THIS IS NOT ASSURED, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT  
TO ATTAIN, IF AT ALL, THE FULL ECONOMIC AND  
MONETARY UNION IN 1980, AS PROVIDED FOR IN  
THE ROME TREATIES.

QUESTION: THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT WHICH WILL TAKE  
PLACE ON JULY 15 AND 16 AND WHICH WILL SERVE THIS  
GOAL, QUICKLY APPROACHES. WHAT EXPECTATIONS DO  
YOU HAVE FOR THIS EVENT:

ANSWER: WELL, THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT DEALS  
PRIMARILY WITH COORDINATION AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT  
INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. TOPICS LIKE  
ENERGY POLICY, MONETARY POLICY, TRADE POLICY, THE  
GATT ROUND, PROBABLY ALSO QUESTIONS OF SECURITY  
POLICY, TECHNOLOGY POLICY, TAX HARMONIZATION,  
ESPECIALLY THE PROBLEM OF WORLD-WIDE UNDEREMPLOYMENT  
WILL PROVIDE A WHOLE SERIES OF POINTS FOR DISCUSSION.  
I AM CAUTIOUS AND RESERVED, AND DO NOT BELIEVE IN  
TOO MANY DETAILED, CONCRETE DECISIONS ARISING FROM  
THIS SUMMIT MEETING. BY ITS NATURE, SUCH AN EVENT  
CAN REALLY ONLY PROVIDE IMPULSES, ALSO AGREEMENTS  
ABOUT DECISIONS IN NATIONAL AREAS WHICH SHOULD, TO  
THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BE COORDINATED. IT APPEARS  
TO ME THAT THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF SUCH A SUMMIT  
MEETING ARE, FIRST THAT IT TAKES PLACE AT ALL,  
BECAUSE THIS FACT AS SUCH IS OF IMPORTANCE, AND  
SECOND THAT A CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MOMENTUM  
EMERGES FROM SUCH A SUMMIT MEETING FOR THE ECONOMIC  
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CLIMATE, FOR THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE, BUT CERTAINLY  
ALSO FOR THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

QUESTION: IS IT TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE EC WILL HAVE  
ONE COMMON STANCE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE  
SEVEN MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES?

ANSWER: AS THE COUNCIL AUTHORITY WE WILL HAVE TO  
SPEAK DURING THE SUMMIT MEETING NOT ONLY FOR THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC BUT ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY. WHAT  
WE CAN SAY THERE MUST, HOWEVER, BE WORKED OUT

BEFOREHAND. WE CAN REPRESENT ONLY A FORMULATED  
POLICY. AND THIS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFOREHAND  
IN THE MINISTERIAL COUNCILS AND AT THE EUROPEAN  
COUNCIL IN BREMEN EARLY IN JULY. ONE OF THE MAIN  
SUBJECTS THERE WILL BE WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL BE  
IN A POSITION TO FIND A COMMON STRATEGY FOR  
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND CYCLICAL POLICY.

QUESTION: HOW DO YOU SEE THE PROSPECTS FOR THIS,  
TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ENDURING BRITISH  
CRITICISM OF THE PLANS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: AS FAR AS THE BRITISH POSITION AT THE BONN  
SUMMIT IS CONCERNED, WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY SURE  
WHAT EFFECTS ONE OR THE OTHER DIFFERENCES OF  
OPINION PREVAILING IN EUROPE WILL HAVE. THERE WILL  
BE A COUPLE OF SPECIAL TOPICS, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
FIELD OF THE EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT AND SPACE INDUSTRIES.  
IN THIS AREA GREAT BRITAIN IS CONFRONTED  
WITH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WILL OPT FOR  
EUROPEAN COOPERATION OR /OR COOPERATION WITH THE  
UNITED STATES. THE DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE.  
WE WOULD RATHER GET INTO BASIC DISCUSSIONS WITH  
OUR BRITISH PARTNERS IN THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL,

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OR IN GENERAL IN THE COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNITY.  
WE HAVE SEEN THIS DURING THE PRESENT WEEK. MR.  
DELL, BRITISH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER, SPOKE AGAINST  
MY STATEMENT AGAINST PROTECTIONISM IN EUROPE IN  
A SOMEWHAT IRONIC WAY, WHICH I DON'T MIND. HE HAS  
ALSO SPOKEN OF PEDANTRY. THIS IS QUITE FREQUENTLY  
SAID TO US. ON THE OTHER HAND, I MUST SAY, THAT  
I, FOR MY PART, HAVE RARELY HEARD SO MANY  
THEORETICAL INSTRUCTIONS AS IN RECENT MONTHS,  
ESPECIALLY FROM THE BRITISH SUPPORTERS OF THE  
"LOCOMOTIVE-THEORY". BUT I REALIZE THAT IT IS  
DIFFICULT FOR THE BRITISH WHO HAVE FOR THE PAST  
20 OR 30 YEARS STACKED INTERVENTION UPON INTERVENTION  
TO PROFESS TO AN ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH REALLY IN  
PRINCIPLE IS ONE OF FREE TRADE AND FREE FROM  
PUBLIC INTERFERENCES. BUT I THINK THAT MR. OWEN,  
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THE BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER RAISED A VERY IMPORTANT  
VIEWPOINT IN HIS RESPONSE TO MY INTERVENTION IN  
BRUSSELS WHEN I SUBMITTED THE MEMORANDUM CONCERNING  
THE QUESTION OF PROTECTIONISM. HE SAID THAT IT WAS  
NOT ONLY A MATTER OF PROTECTIONISM. IT CONCERNS  
ALSO GROWTH, UNEMPLOYMENT, DEFICITS AND ALL KINDS  
OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THIS, I THINK, IS CORRECT.  
FROM US, INCREASED GROWTH AND STIMULATIVE MEASURES ARE  
BEING DEMANDED. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE A PACKAGE  
OF IT AND WE SHOULD NEGOTIATE IN BRUSSELS ON WHETHER  
THE WILLINGNESS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO COOPERATE  
IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH MIGHT NOT BE  
MATCHED BY A WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE OTHERS  
TO COOPERATE IN THE FIELD OF A RENUNCIATION OF  
PROTECTIONISTIC MEASURES. THIS APPEARS TO ME TO  
BE A POSSIBLE MEANINGFUL AND HELPFUL COMBINATION.  
AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT IN BRUSSELS.

QUESTION: OBVIOUSLY, THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR EXPECTS  
THE UNITED STATES TO KEEP IN MIND UNTIL THE BONN  
SUMMIT THE NECESSITY OF EXERCISING LEADERSHIP

ALSO IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR. IN YOUR VIEW, HOW,  
MUST THIS ROLE BE EXPRESSED AND WHAT EFFECTS MUST  
IT HAVE?

ANSWER: I BELIEVE THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR IS CORRECT  
WITH THIS REMARK. THIS REQUEST/CHALLENGE IS  
DIRECTED TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, TO THE LEGISLATURE  
WHICH HAS BLOCKED THE ENERGY LEGISLATION OF THE  
PRESIDENT FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THIS ENERGY  
LEGISLATION, IN CONNECTION ALSO WITH HIGH OIL  
IMPORTS, IS ONE OF THE KEY QUESTIONS FOR THE  
GIGANTIC CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT OF THE UNITED  
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STATES AND THUS ONE OF THE ANSWERS TO THE DOLLAR  
PROBLEM WHICH BY NO MEANS HAS BEEN ENTIRELY OVER-  
COME. IN THIS RESPECT, IT APPEARS TO ME, THE  
AMERICAN LEGISLATURE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS  
OBLIGATIONS NOT ONLY TO ITS VOTERS IN TEXAS AND  
OTHER OIL PRODUCING STATES, BUT ALSO TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE ROLE OF US LEADERSHIP  
IN THIS SECTOR IS CERTAINLY NOT BEING HANDLED IN  
THE WAY WHICH IS NECESSARY. IF, IN ADDITION TO THIS,  
A MORE RESOLUTE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION WOULD BE  
PURSUED -- BY THE WAY, WE ARE VERY MUCH IN AGREE-  
MENT WITH THE NEW FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN MILLER --  
THEN SOME OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE INTERNATIONAL  
ECONOMIC SECTOR WOULD CERTAINLY BE CLOSER TO A  
SOLUTION THAN IS THE CASE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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